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Re: Duane Marine Salvage Corp., Perth Amboy, New Jersey

Dear Ms. Thompson:

This letter confirms our telephone conversation in December, 1984, in which the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA") agreed to an indefinite extension of time for Ford to respond to USEPA's request for information, dated November 26, 1984, in the above-referenced matter. Ford understands this extension is subject to Ford continuing its good faith effort in searching for the requested information.

A records search of Ford facilities possibly involved is in progress. One Ford facility, the Mahwah Plant, closed in 1980, and its records were dispersed to other locations, making the search for these records more difficult and time-consuming. Nevertheless, Ford anticipates completing its records search and providing you with a response to the request for information within 90 days of the date of this letter. If we can complete the search and provide you with a response in less time, we will, of course, do so.

Very truly yours,

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cc: N. W. Bernstein, Esq.

